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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449, or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to Restriction/Election Requirement. Applicant has elected Group I, consisting of claims 1-9, 20, without traverse.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-9, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Klug et al. (hereinafter "Klug", US 6,823,327 B1).

As per claim 1, Klug discloses an information processing apparatus terminal device, capable of transmitting information comprising:

- receiving means receiving a request signal transmitted from the terminal device (column 2, lines 7-10, 37-41);
- user identifier generating means for generating identifier corresponding to request signal (column 2, lines 13-15, 41-45);
- generation source identifier storage means storing a generation source identifier identifying a generation source of the user identifier (column 2, lines 13-15, 41-45)

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- user transmitting means for transmitting the user identifier and the generation source identifier to the terminal device (column 2, lines 7-10, 37-41, column 11, lines 8-13, 43-50).

As per claim 2, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according claim 1, wherein the receiving means receives the request signal requesting the information processing apparatus to issue a user password identifying a user operating the terminal device and to issue an introduction password indicating the generation source of the user password (column 2, lines 13-31).

As per claim 3, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according claim 2, wherein the receiving means receives individual information of the user operating the terminal device (column 1, lines 47-60).

As per claim 4, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the receiving means receives request signal requesting issue of the user password and the introduction password that are used for accessing homepage information contained within an other information processing apparatus, specifies the homepage information the information processing apparatus that introduces the homepage information of the other information processing apparatus (column 2, lines 5-25, column 4, lines 24-33, column 5, lines 1-7, 18-25).

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As per claim 5, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising individual information storage means for storing the received individual information (column 5, lines 14-17, 29-31, 35-38).

As per claim 6, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the user identifier generating means generates a user password corresponding to the received individual information, and transfers the generated user password to the individual information storage means that stores the transferred user password correspondingly to the individual information (column 2, lines 7-10, 37-41, column 11, lines 8-13, 43-50).

As per claim 7, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according claim 1, wherein the generation source identifier storage means stores the generation source identifier identifying homepage information (column 5, lines 14-17, 29-31, 35-38).

As per claim 8, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the generation service identifier storage means stores an introduction password as the generation source identifier identifying the homepage information (column 5, lines 14-17, 29-31, 35-38).

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As per claim 9, Klug discloses the information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the user identifier and the generation source identifier are used when the terminal device accesses information contained within an other information processing apparatus, and the transmitting means transmits the user identifier and the generation source identifier to the other information processing apparatus (column 2, lines 5-25, column 4, lines 24-33, column 5, lines 1-7, 18-25).

As per claim 20, Klug discloses an information processing method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a request transmitted from a terminal device (column 2, lines 7-10, 37-41);
- generating a user identifier corresponding to the request (column 2, lines 13-15, 41-45);
- transmitting the generated user identifier and a generation source identifier which identifies a generation source of the user identifier stored in an information processing apparatus to the terminal device (column 2, lines 7-10, 37-41, column 11, lines 8-13, 43-50).

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara N Burgess whose telephone number is (571) 272-3996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00am-4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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